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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO SUPPORT FRENCH-LED OPERATION IN  
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1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR MADE SUBJECT DEMARCHE TO MADAME  
SY KADIATOU SOW, MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JUNE 28.  
THERE IS NO INDICATION MALI WILL CHANGE ITS PLANS TO  
PROVIDE TROOPS TO UNAMIR. THE MALIANS SUPPORT AN  
AFRICAN SOLUTION,

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EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS,  
HOWEVER, THAT JUNE 27-28 MEETING OF WEST AFRICAN  
ECONOMY AND MONETARY UNION MAY SUPPORT PUBLICLY THE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
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FRENCH ACTION AND MALI MAY JOIN IN THAT APPROBATION.  
END SUMMARY.

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2. THE AMBASSADOR MADE THE DEMARCHE REQUESTING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE FRENCH-LED OPERATION IN RWANDA JUNE 28 IN THE COURSE OF A MEETING WITH MADAME SY, MALI'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SY, WHO ATTENDED THE OAU SUMMIT, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SHE AGREED THAT PUTTING AN END TO THE MASSACRE WAS THE TOP PRIORITY, SHE BELIEVED THAT THE SOLUTION SHOULD BE THE ONE AGREED TO AT THE OAU. AT THE OAU, MALI HAD BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE PUSHING FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO MOVE BEYOND CALLS FOR CEASE-FIRES TO MORE PRACTICAL MEASURES, I.E. PUTTING AFRICAN TROOPS IN THE FIELD. THE OAU ASKED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR THE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THOSE TROOPS.

3. MADAME SY CHARACTERIZED THE POSITION OF THE RPF AT THE OAU AS RESOLUTELY OPPOSED TO ANY INTERVENTION. ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLE NEGOTIATIONS IN TUNIS DID THE  
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RPF AGREE TO THE IDEA OF ACCEPTING AFRICAN TROOPS. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT OUR SOURCES INDICATED THE RPF IN PRIVATE APPEARED WILLING TO SOFTEN ITS STANCE VIS-A-VIS THE PRESENT FRENCH INTERVENTION. MAYBE, MADAME SY RESPONDED, NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT ALTHOUGH SHE HAD HAD NO RECENT CONTACT WITH THE RPF, SHE HAD CERTAINLY NOT DETECTED ANY CHANGE IN THE RPF'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS BROADCAST WITHIN THE LAST DAY OR TWO. AMBASSADOR NOTED HE ALSO HAD HEARD STRONG STATEMENTS AGAINST THE FRENCH BY RPF REP IN PARIS, BUT PERSISTED THAT WASHINGTON HAD GOOD CONTACTS WITH THE GROUP.

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THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THE URGENCY OF SAVING LIVES, THE TIME IT WOULD TAKE AFRICANS TO MOBILIZE AND THE SHORT-TERM GOAL OF THE FRENCH INTERVENTION. SY SAID SHE HOPED THE FRENCH MISSION WOULD SAVE LIVES. WE ARE READY TO ACT, SHE CONTINUED, AND WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. [REDACTED]

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HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND CURRENT  
MEETING AT CHIEFS OF STATE LEVEL IN LIBREVILLE OF THE  
WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION, A SIX MONTH  
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EVALUATION OF THE CFA DEVALUATION, HAS APPROVED THE  
FRENCH INTERVENTION. PRESIDENT KONARE MAY HAVE,  
THEREFORE, ALREADY AGREED TO PUBLIC SUPPORT. MADAME SY  
GAVE NO INDICATION MALI WOULD CHANGE ON ITS COMMITMENT  
TO SEND TROOPS.

5. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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